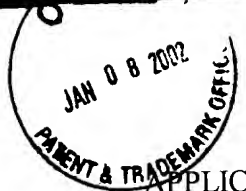


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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 8, 2001. In the Office Action, the Specification and Drawings are objected to; Claims 11-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph; and Claims 11-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § § 102 and/or 103. The Specification has been amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the pending claims have been overcome or are improper in view of the amendments and for the reasons set forth below.

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